

Editors' Corner-Vol.2

Volume 2, i.e., the second (March/April) issue of FERMAT, is currently being released with new entries in all sections, namely Articles, Forum, Education, Multimedia and News & Views. Associate Editors (see updated list below) have been very helpful and response from the prospective authors has been excellent, as has been the cooperation of the reviewers, who have provided constructive comments on the papers to improve the presentations, and have done so in a very timely manner. As you know, in addition to the Articles and News & Views, a unique feature of FERMAT is the presence of Forum and Multimedia sections, both of which help distinguish it from other Journals. It is very gratifying to see that these different modes of communication have caught the attention of both the readers as well as potential contributors, and the feedback has been very positive indeed.

Speaking of the Forum, we would like to draw your attention to an entry in this volume, namely the “Debate on Metamaterial Antennas.” Here you will find the PPT files provided by the panel members Rick Ziolkowski, John Volakis, Yiannis Varadaxoglu and Zhining Chen, the leading experts on the subject. The debate was convened at the iWAT'14 meeting in Sydney, which was organized by Jay Guo and his team in Australia during the first week of March. It was widely attended—the meeting room was totally full— despite the fact that it was scheduled at the very end of the meeting, during late afternoon of the last day, when people usually take off to go sightseeing instead of staying in to listen to any more talks at the tail end of the three-day meeting. Now, you too, dear reader, can get in on the debate and let us have your opinion on the hot-button issue of MTM antennas.

Please visit the FERMAT website and send us your comments not only on the entries in the FORUM section, but also on the contributions elsewhere in this volume. Please be sure to browse through the COMMENT sections that have been specifically designated to accommodate the opinions of, as well as questions from, the readers. Here you will find some examples of the comments we have received already. (Note: All comments are published in FERMAT anonymously, unless requested otherwise.) The success of FERMAT depends on your active participation, and we invite you to air your opinions on the contents of the two volumes published thus far—be they good or bad. Roses and brickbats are both welcome, as long as they are professional.

Browsing through Volume 2 you will find that Peter Clarricoats of Queen Mary, University of London, is being honored in this issue, and you will recall that it was Victor Veselago who was featured in the last one. If you have some stories or pictures to share, either about Veselago or about Clarricoats, we'd love to have them, and we would include them in future issues.

Jayanti Venkataraman has taken charge of the Education Section, and has contributed an interesting article on EM education, accompanied by videos and such. Please check it out and also help her by contributing your own views to her so that she can include them in a future issue.

We are also starting two new columns. The first one will feature contributions from Women in Engineering, and Chiara Pelletti may contact you—Women in our field—to solicit short articles from you on that topic.

The second one would feature *selected* Abstracts of Ph.D. dissertations. So, if you have a “star” student in your Lab, and he has written an outstanding Ph.D. thesis, send us an Abstract and some keywords, and we’ll help publicize it.

Finally, another unique feature of FERMAT is that it includes not only text and PPT files, but videos as well. Be sure to check out a number of these videos in this issue—they are fascinating, take our word for it. And again tell us what you think, and also how you too can contribute interesting articles, PPT presentations, or videos to FERMAT.

We will be waiting to hear from you, and we welcome you to send your comments and suggestions—whenever you are ready—to rajmitra@ieee.org, mentioning FERMAT in the subject line.

Thank you for your support and good browsing.

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